

## MINUTES

### FINANCE / PARKS & RECREATION / PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

November 20, 2012

A meeting of the Finance / Parks & Recreation / Public Works Programs Committee of the Council of the County of Kaua'i, State of Hawai'i, was called to order by Councilmember Tim Bynum, Committee Chair, at the Council Chambers, 4396 Rice Street, Suite 201, Līhu'e, Kaua'i, on Tuesday, November 20, 2012, at 12:40 p.m., after which the following members answered the call of the roll:

Honorable Tim Bynum  
Honorable KipuKai Kuali'i  
Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Honorable JoAnn A. Yukimura  
Honorable Jay Furfaro, Ex-Officio Member  
Honorable Dickie Chang, Ex-Officio Member

EXCUSED: Honorable Mel Rapozo

There being no objections, the Committee recessed at 1:59 p.m.

The Committee reconvened at 3:03 p.m., and proceeded on its agenda items, as shown in the following Committee Reports, which are incorporated herein by reference:

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| <b>CR-FPP 2012-13:</b> on FPP 2012-08   | Communication (10/12/2012) from the Council Chair, requesting the presence of the Director of Parks & Recreation, to provide an update and timeline relating to the relocation of the Temporary Maintenance Facility and Office Trailers at the Wailua Golf Course. <b>[Approved.]</b> |
| <b>CR-FPP 2012-14:</b> on Bill No. 2452 | AN ORDINANCE ADDING A NEW SECTION TO ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 19 OF THE KAUAI COUNTY CODE 1987, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PARKS AND RECREATION (Prohibiting Fishing at Lydgate Beach Park Pond) <b>[Approved.]</b>   |

Bill No. 2444      A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5A-6.3, KAUAI COUNTY CODE 1987, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAX (*Cost Control Commission Recommendation – Minimum Real Property Tax Assessment*)  
[This item was deferred.]

Committee Chair Bynum:      We have one (1) more agenda item in the Committee. As was indicated earlier, there was a request from the Administration to defer this Bill. We had some discussion earlier in the day that this is the Bill that was brought to us by the Cost Control Commission. I would like to add my own thoughts about this, which is that this Bill should be brought up in the context of our budget deliberations and revenue discussions that we have later in the year. My support or not support of this Bill would be dependent upon, for me personally, looking at some of the bigger revenue issues that I expect will be discussed at length in the coming months. Having said that, we could do a regular deferral or we could do a deferral to a time-specific date. I would like to know what the Committee would like.

Mr. Kualifi:      So you laid out a couple options. I would ask that another option be to receive it and to let the new Council decide, maybe as a part of the budget process, because you talked about how there is a lot more to this. This is one little specific item that the Cost Control Commission put before us. Even from what we heard from the Administration last week, they were taking a neutral position. It is not even something that the Administration is pushing for at this time or saying that it is something that they are even asking for. I think another option would be to receive and allow the new Council next year, as a part of the budget process, when you are looking at real property taxes and the different pieces of it. I know we already have more than half of what the Administration had put forward as a part of the comprehensive real property tax reform in place. I would propose that another option may be even to receive it at this time. Thank you.

Committee Chair Bynum:      You are correct. That certainly is an option. I would want to see what the rest of the Committee feels about it. I outlined two (2). There certainly is that third. One is just a straight deferral for about two (2) weeks. The other is a deferral to a time-specific date. I do believe the discussion about minimum taxes is one that we should have, although I feel it is somewhat premature and should happen in the context of our larger revenue discussions. That is my personal view, but I would entertain any of these motions from the Committee.

Ms. Yukimura:      Yes. If there is a date certain or an event we can name, I would like to defer it to then so it can come up in consideration with all the other aspects of real property taxes. Do we have such an event? One way

would just be to defer it to the new year because I do not think we are going to be doing much by way of real property taxes in December.

Committee Chair Bynum:

Let us think about that.

Ms. Nakamura: As I recall, we deferred this in order to get information requested by Councilmember Kuali'i and others from the Administration so that we could further deliberate because we could have received it two (2) weeks ago, but we asked for that information. To my knowledge, I have not received anything as of this date. We received it today, is what I am hearing from staff, but is not before us. The whole purpose of the deferral was to get that information so that we could decide what is the best approach to take, given better information, which was not presented to us at the time of introduction. I think in the future, that is the kind of information that we should have at the start rather than in the middle of process. I think I am still waiting to look and to see that information.

Committee Chair Bynum: You would argue for a straight two (2) week deferral in order for us to digest and discuss that information?

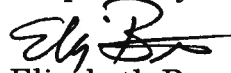
Ms. Nakamura: Yes, at that point, if we want to receive it or to defer it. I believe that is where we left it off.

Committee Chair Bynum: I am not married to either of these. If that is your request, then I am fine with that personally, because we did send over written questions. We received answers today, which means none of us have read them. We are trying as a Council to say we need at least a couple of days to digest written material prior to decision-making. I could support that.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Yukimura, seconded by Ms. Nakamura, and unanimously carried, Bill No. 2444 was deferred.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED at the Committee Meeting held on December 12, 2012:



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CHAIR, FPP COMMITTEE